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April 24, 1975

Dr. Daniel Ellsberg
630 W. Blithedale
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Dear Dr. Ellsberg,

Here is a letter to the director of the foundation that is considering a grant to the Political Rights Defense Fund. Actually, the grant would go to the Bill of Rights Foundation, but the purpose would be to cover the legal expenses of the PRDF suit.

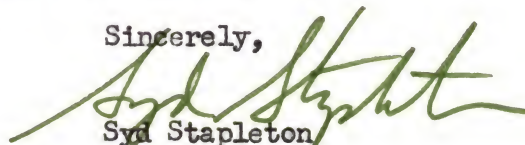
I really appreciate your willingness to consider this idea. The Boudin firm, as you know, has never been in very great financial shape, and as we approach the trial in this suit, the problem is becoming more and more acute. More and more work is required, and we have to advance the pace of fundraising to keep up.

This one particular foundation can make a material difference, but the director is not very familiar with civil liberties work, and I think has never heard of Leonard.

I hope the enclosed letter is the sort of thing you could sign.

Thanks again, and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Syd Stapleton

P.S. I've enclosed a very good article on the suit from the Los Angeles Times that you may not have seen.

P.P.S. It would be best if the letter to Dr. Lawrence could be mailed before May 2.

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